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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jefferey F Harold

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15-30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 31-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. ***Claims 1-14 and 31-35*** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mark (United States Patent 5,583,933).

Regarding **claim 1**, Mark discloses a method and apparatus for the secure communication of data. In addition, Mark discloses a tone generation method for use in a communication system, the method comprising: receiving a first tone data indicative of a first tone; buffering the first tone data in a buffer, receiving a second tone data indicative of a second tone, buffering the second tone data in said buffer, retrieving the first tone data from the buffer, generating the first tone corresponding to the first tone data for at least a first predetermined period, waiting for a second predetermined period, retrieving the second tone data from the buffer, and generating the second tone corresponding to the second tone data for at least the first predetermined period, as disclosed at column 29, line through column 36, line 47.

Regarding **claim 2**, Mark discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 1), in addition Mark discloses wherein the first tone is a DTMF digit, as disclosed at column 29, line through column 36, line 47.

Regarding **claim 3**, Mark discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 1), in addition Mark discloses wherein the first predetermined period is approximately 50 msec, as disclosed at column 29, line through column 36, line 47.

Regarding **claim 4**, Mark discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 1), in addition Mark discloses wherein the second predetermined period is approximately 50 msec, as disclosed at column 29, line through column 36, line 47.

Regarding **claim 5**, Mark discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 1), in addition Mark discloses wherein the first tone data is a part of a NTE packet, as disclosed at column 29, line through column 36, line 47.

Regarding **claim 6**, Mark discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 5), in addition Mark discloses wherein the second tone data is a part of a NTE packet, as disclosed at column 29, line through column 36, line 47.

Regarding **claim 7**, Mark discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 1), in addition Mark discloses wherein the first tone is generated for approximately 40ms, as disclosed at column 29, line through column 36, line 47.

Regarding **claims 8-14 and 31-35**, they are interpreted and thus rejected for the reasons set forth above in the rejection of claims 1-7.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. ***Claims 15-30*** are allowed.

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Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jefferey F Harold whose telephone number is 703-306-5836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Forester W Isen can be reached on 703-305-4386. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Jefferey F Harold
Examiner
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